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by Thomas Sayers Ellis

All those
  Liquid love affairs,
Blind swimmers
  Trusting rumps.
We wiggled,
  Imagining water.
Wet, where was
  The One?
Nevermind Atlantis
  And the promise
Of moving pictures,
  A candle lit
In the window
  Of our conscious minds.
Those who danced,
  Pretending to swim
Underwater,
  Did so out
Of pure allegiance.
  Some wore snorkels
Made with
  The waistbands
Of funky underwear,
  Others wet suits
With clothes pins
  Clamped to their noses,
Air-tight as
  Black Power handshakes.
Rump-by-rump,
  The strings attached
To our thangs were
  Reeled into The Deep.

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Rhythmic as fins,
  Schools of P signs
Flapped and waved
  Like flags.
One nation
  Under a groove.
No one held their breath
  In the flashlit depth.
No one sank.

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